## What is Claimed is:

1. A method for processing a mailpiece comprising:

receiving a mailpiece that includes representative data on a region of the mailpiece, the representative data being in machine-readable format;

obtaining image data of the mailpiece;

calculating postage data as a function of the representative data;

printing an indicia on the mailpiece that represents the postage data;

generating a control signal as a function of the representative data; and

modifying operation of a mailing machine as a function of the control signal.

- The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the modifying step includes temporarily pausing operation of the mailing machine.
- 3. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the representative data includes a barcode.
- The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the representative data is encoded.
- The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the representative data is encrypted.
- 6. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the representative data uniquely identifies a particular mailpiece.

- 7. The method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising: selecting particular mailpieces from a plurality of mailpieces for the printing representative data.
- The method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising:

   calculating adjusted postage data that represents an adjusted postage amount.
- The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the representative data includes demarcation data.
- 10. The method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising: transmitting at least a portion of the image data to a storage location.
- 11. The method as claimed in Claim 10, further comprising: utilizing the image data for tracking purposes.
- The method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising
   utilizing the representative data for delivery confirmation
   purposes.
- 13. An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a mailpiece that has representative data on a region of the mailpiece, the representative data being in machinereadable format;

means for obtaining image data of the mailpiece; means for calculating postage data as a function of the representative data:

means for printing an indicia on the mailpiece that represents the postage data;

means for generating a control signal as a function of the representative data; and means for modifying operation of a mailing machine as a function of the control signal.

- 14. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising: means for selecting particular mailpieces from a plurality of mailpieces for the printing representative data.
- 15. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising: means for calculating adjusted postage data that represents an adjusted postage amount.
- The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the representative data includes demarcation data.
- 17. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising: means for transmitting at least a portion of the image data to a storage location.
- 18. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 17, further comprising: means for utilizing the image data for tracking purposes.
- The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising means for utilizing the representative data for delivery confirmation purposes.
- 20. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the means for modifying includes means for temporarily pausing operation of the mailing machine.

- 21. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the representative data includes a barcode.
- 22. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the representative data is encoded.
- 23. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the representative data is encrypted.
- 24. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the representative data uniquely identifies a particular mailpiece.
- 25. An apparatus comprising:

an input module adapted to receive a mailpiece;

an imaging module adapted to obtain image data from the mailpiece; and

a mailing machine adapted to calculate postage as a function of the image data and to print an indicia on the mailpiece,

wherein the image data is used to generate a control signal, the control signal adapted to modify operation of the apparatus.

- 26. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 25, further comprising:
  - a transmission module adapted to transmit at least a portion of the image data to a remote location.
- 27. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the image data includes delivery confirmation data.

- 28. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the delivery confirmation data is transmitted from a first location to a second location.
- 29. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the remote location is a server.
- 30. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 29, wherein the server is adapted to transmit at least a portion of the image data to a receiver location.